

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1-14 (cancelled).

Claim 15 (new): A stage element having a base region and a transport drive integrated into the base region of the transport drive, said transport drive comprises at least one driven element connected to a first drive means for moving the driven element between a retracted position wherein the stage element base region rests on a base and extended position wherein the stage element base region is lifted of the base.

Claim 16 (new): The stage element according to claim 15, wherein the transport drive further comprises a second drive means for rotating the driven element about an axis A which is substantially perpendicular to the base region.

Claim 17 (new): The stage element according to claim 16, wherein the transport drive includes a third drive means for rotating the driven element about an axis B such that, when the driven element is in the extruded position, the stage element moves along the base.

Claim 18 (new): The stage element according to claim 17, wherein the driven element is a roller.

Claim 19 (new): The stage element according to claim 17, further including a plurality of transport drive integrated into different regions of the base region.

Claim 20 (new): The stage element according to claim 19, wherein the plurality of transport drives are connected to one another via bus interfaces and can be driven jointly or individually.

Claim 21 (new): The stage element according to claim 17, wherein the driven element is in a housing, in which the first drive means is provided in order to pivot the driven element in a Z direction.

Claim 22 (new): The stage element according to claim 21, wherein the housing is inserted into a recess in the stage element, wherein the housing is flat and flush with the base region.

Claim 23 (new): The stage element according to claim 22, wherein the housing is rotated through 360° about the axis (A) in the recess (1) of the base element by the third drive means.

Claim 24 (new): The stage element according to claim 23, wherein the housing is seated in the recess and mounted on a bearing such that it can be rotated by a shaft which is driven in rotation via a gear element by means of a further drive gear engaging in the latter and belonging to the third drive means.

Claim 25 (new): The stage element according to claim 20, wherein the stage element has a rechargeable power source.

Claim 26 (new): The stage element according to claim 17, wherein via an at least one control device, the at least one driven

element can be driven rotationally, pivotable about the axis (B), and rotatable about the axis (A).

Claim 27 (new): The stage element according to claim 26, wherein, via the at least one control device (15), wire-free driving from the outside is carried out in order to move the stage element and lower the stage element (R) onto a base (8).

Claim 28 (new): The stage element according to claim 15, wherein a plurality of stage elements (R) can be driven in a wire-free manner so as to be rotatable as desired, movable in the X and/or Y direction and capable of being driven.